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Subscribed Capital \$4,500,000
Paid-up Capital \$2,497,500
II—Fire Fund..... \$3,837,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds..... \$7,567,590
Sinking Fund Account..... 128,230
\$3,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch..... \$2,381,456
Life & Annuity Branches..... 2,141,598
Revenue Marine Department..... 337,539
Other Receipts..... 478,940
\$5,339,533

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PEACE DISCUSSION IN
REICHSTAG.

COUNT HERTLING ON RECEPTION
OF HIS PEACE PRINCIPLES.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS A MEANS
TO STRANGLE GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, June 28.
In the Reichstag, following Herr
von Kuehlmann, Count Hertling
said he did not intend to speak in
view of the experiences of himself
and his predecessors as regard their
speeches, which were variously inter-
preted as symptoms of weakness,
crafty traps or exposures of mili-
tarism. He went a step further on
February 24th when he assented to
President Wilson's four principles,
but President Wilson had not spoken
since. "Therefore, it is unneces-
sary to pursue the subject, especially
as the statements reaching us,
especially from America, have made
it clear that the proposed League
of Peoples is really meant to strangle
Germany economically."

He preferred that Herr von Kuehl-
mann should explain Germany's posi-
tion in the East, from Finland to
the Black Sea.

Count Hertling regretted the un-
friendly reception given to some of
Herr von Kuehlmann's statements
in wide circles. Count Hertling did
not propose to touch upon the ques-
tion of guilt to which Herr von
Kuehlmann had referred. That
could confidently be left to history,
but he felt compelled to dissipate
the misunderstandings of Herr von
Kuehlmann's statement ascribing the
prolongation of the war to the enemy
Powers. He said that Herr von
Kuehlmann spoke entirely in the
sense that he (Count Hertling) spoke
on February 24th, for there could be
no question of blaming Germany's
resolution to defend herself, or
"shaking our confidence in victory,"
(Cheers). Now, as before, the
Kaiser's Empire, Princes and peoples
stood together, trusting in their
incomparable troops and hoping that
God would reward the faithful
German people with victory.

SPANISH INTERVENTION
INDICATED

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR'S VISIT
TO SPANISH FOREIGN
MINISTER.

MADRID, June 26.
The Austrian Ambassador has
visited the Foreign Minister and it
was reported in the Lobbies that the
Government is anxious to adjourn
Parliament in order that there will
be full liberty to intervene in Inter-
national affairs of the highest im-
portance.

GERMANS IN CHINA.

THE DEPORTATION QUESTION.

STATEMENT IN THE
REICHSTAG.

LONDON, June 26.
Dr. von Kuehlmann, in the Reich-
stag, announced that the Anglo-
German War Prisoners Conference
at The Hague had already achieved
an important result, namely, the
abandonment of the detestable idea
of deporting Germans from China.
(General cheers.)

WHY CHINA GAVE WAY.

The Times Shanghai Correspond-
ent says there is deep disappoint-
ment owing to the cancellation of
the arrangement to deport Germans
from China. He pointed out that China
has given way, not from fear, but from
motives of humanity, owing to
German threats of reprisals on
Chinese and Allied subjects in
German hands.

HOME RULE FOR
IRELAND.

REFERENCE TO IMPERIAL
CONFERENCE SUGGESTED.

LONDON, June 26.

In the House of Commons, Mr.
Godfrey Collins (Liberal M.P. for
Greenock) asked: "Do the Govern-
ment propose to take any action in
connection with the suggestion of
General Smuts at Glasgow on May
10th, that the Imperial Conference
might settle the Home Rule ques-
tion?"

Mr. Bonar Law replied: "The
Imperial Conference itself selected
the subjects for its discussion.
Whether it will consider this ques-
tion must depend on the circum-
stances."

Mr. Collins: Will the Conference
consider such a proposal if it comes
from the Irish people?

Mr. Bonar Law reiterated that
the Conference itself decided the
subjects for discussion.

Mr. R. L. Outhwaite (Liberal
M.P. for Hunsley) affirmed that all
the Dominion Governments strongly
favoured Home Rule for Ireland.

Mr. Bonar Law replied: I believe
the reverse is rather the case.

Mr. Outhwaite: Haven't the Aus-
tralian and Canadian Governments
both passed resolutions to that
effect?

Mr. Bonar Law replied: that he
believed the Canadian Government
passed a resolution to that effect
twenty or thirty years ago.

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AMERICAN CABLES.

[NAVY COMMUNICATION CABLES TO
MANILA.]

**FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO RED-
CROSS DRIVE.**

NEW YORK, June 21.

The Foreign and Island Division
contributed more than \$1,400,000 in
the Red Cross Drive. Incomplete
figures show that 30,000 Chinese joined
in giving more than \$100,000. The
Hawian Islands gave \$77,000, Japan
more than \$60,000, Guam \$5,500,
Mexico \$40,000, Argentina \$70,000,
Brazil \$40,000, the Dominican Republic
\$70,000, Cuba \$100,000, Peru \$16,000,
Panama Canal Zone \$30,000, Haiti
\$2,500, Honduras \$2,000, Siam \$6,000,
Paraguay \$1,000, Porto Rico \$100,000,
and Chile \$27,000.

**EXPORT AND IMPORT FREIGHT
RATES.**

WASHINGTON, June 21.

The Railroad Administration has
cancelled the export and import freight
rates in the recent general freight rate
increase effective June 26. The proposed
rates were held to be unfair, especially
for exports and imports between the
United States and the Orient.

**THE EXPRESS MONOPOLY TO BE
DISSOLVED.**

WASHINGTON, June 21.

The Railroad Administration and the
Express companies have signed a contract
dissolving the express monopoly when
the war ends. The express companies
are to combine on July 1.

MAN-POWER AND WAR FINANCE.

WASHINGTON, June 21.

Reports indicate that more than
250,000 additional men for the Army
will be available immediately for Class
One which was brought under the Draft
law on the recent revision of the
classifications. This is 10,000 more than
previous estimates.

Prevost Marshal General Crowder is
preparing figures showing the number
of men available if the military service
age limit should be fixed at 18 to 45.
The "South" has passed a bill
authorizing the War Department to
call up all men between 18 and 45
years of age who were in the Army
between 1900 and 1910.

INTIMATIONS

THE SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, LTD.

ACCORDING to Telegraphic Advice received from London, The SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, LTD. have declared a Second INTERIM DIVIDEND on the Ordinary Shares of the Company at the rate of 5/- per share free of income tax, payable July 31st, 1918, (Coupon No. 30).

THE ASIATIC PETROLEUM CO., (S.S.) LTD.,

N. L. WATSON, 544

Hongkong, June 27, 1918.

THE HONGKONG STEEL FOUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Company's Office, 21, George Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd July, 1918, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the General Managers, and the Statement of Accounts to 31st May, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 24th June to 3rd July, 1918, both days inclusive.

GORDON & CO.,

General Managers, 544

Hongkong, June 24, 1918.

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

THIS OFFICE will be Open for all

purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon on

MONDAY, the 1st July, 1918.

Licensed Warehousemen cannot be

Opened on That Day.

D. W. TRATMAN, Superintendent.

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, June 28, 1918. 549

GENERAL HOLIDAY.

UNDER Ordinance No. 4 of 1918,

MONDAY, 1st July, has been

proclaimed a GENERAL HOLIDAY

and the EXCHANGE BANKS will be

CLOSED for Business on That Day.

Hongkong, June 27, 1918. 555

PEAR TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

OWING to Repairs to Machinery

the TRAM SERVICE will be

SUSPENDED on SUNDAY, 30th June

after the 4 p.m. Car until 7 a.m. on

MONDAY, 1st July.

In the event of passengers by the

6.54 p.m. train from Sheung Shui arriving

too late to catch 8 p.m. Car, an

Extra Car will run at 8.10 p.m.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers, 554

Hongkong, June 28, 1918.

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FURNISHED HOUSE at PEAK, for

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Write stating full particulars to—

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Hongkong, June 27, 1918. 553

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SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE at

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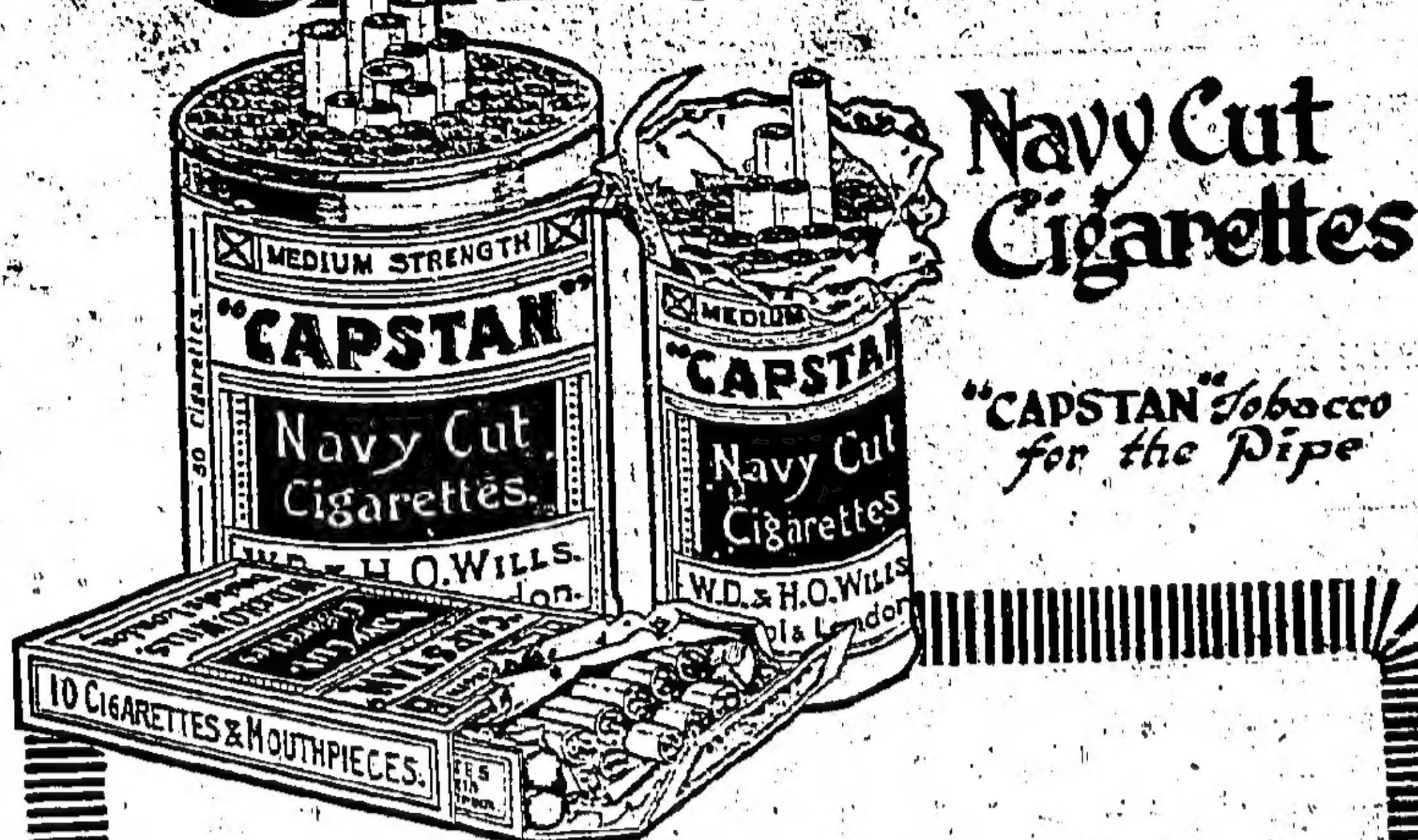
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AMERICAN LAW AGAINST LOAFING.

PRESS OPINION ON THE NEW LAW.

Philadelphia Press.—"Loafing is illegal in New York now, Governor Whitman having signed a law to that effect. Similar laws have made loafing illegal in several other States as well. The policy of rounding up people who are able to work but don't work because they are able in one way or another to get along without it, is spreading over the country."

"EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS."

Utica Press.—"There is ample reason for saying that the law is a good one in times of peace as well as war, and if it works out satisfactorily it ought not to be repealed when peace is declared. It is everybody's business to be busy."

"HAS TEETH."

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"A STRIKING EXAMPLE."

Pittsburg Leader.—"Whether all that is expected from compulsory labour laws will be realized is a large problem. Whether that result is achieved immediately or not at all under this form of compulsion in a crisis, it is a striking example of how far the war has carried us away from our old social and

Intellectual anachorages. The principle

at stake may not be clearly distinguished

in its theoretical outlines, but there is

no mistaking the intent of the practice."

"A BODY BLOW."

Troy Record.—"The signing of the

'anti-idling bill' by the Governor is a

body blow struck at idlers, rich and

poor, in this State."

"A STRANGLE HOLD."

Syracuse Post-Standard.—"The anti-

idling bill, vigorously enforced, should

not only increase the sum of human

production in New York, it should get

a strangle hold on the L. W. W. and

similar organization. The voluntarily

unemployed are their support."

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OLD-TIME BOXER DEAD.

CHARLIE MITCHELL, ONE OF

ENGLAND'S GREATEST

FIGHTERS.

One of England's greatest old-time

pugilists, Charlie Mitchell, has died at

Brighton, where he had lived since his

retirement from the ring.

Though he only weighed a little over

10st., Mitchell was a master of ringcraft,

and he fought the giants of the eighties

with great courage and not a little suc-

cess. His famous fight was against the

late John L. Sullivan at Chantilly,

France, in March, 1888. He lasted for

over three hours, and after having knock-

ed his opponent down in the early stages,

Mitchell made it a running match. In

this way he tired out the much more

powerful Sullivan, who in the end was

glad to accept a draw.

By weight Mitchell of course belonged

to the light-weight class. He won this

as well as the middle-weight championship

of Great Britain. His last serious

contest was against Jim Corbett, who

knocked him out, in three rounds, at

Jacksonville.

Mitchell, who was 37 years of age,

married a daughter of the late "Pony"

Moore, of Moore and Burgess Minstrels,

and was a brother-in-law of Eugene

Stratton.

WEALTHY BALTIMORE MAN

FINED AS IDLER.

M. Thompson, a wealthy club member

and prominent in Baltimore society,

was fined \$25 and costs by Magistrate

Johansen at the Western police station

for being an idler and not registering

under the Compulsory Work law.

Mr. Thompson told the Magistrate

he had no intention of violating the

law and endeavored to enter the

remount service of the Quartermaster's

Corps.

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Utica Press.—"There is ample reason

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the 3rd July, 1918, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

AN ASSORTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,

Comprising:—
Scalloped Pillow Cases, Sheets and Bed Quilts, Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, White, Satin Quilts, Table Cloths, Pure Linen Damask Serviettes, Bath Sheets, Bath Towels, Turkish Towels, Glass Cloths, &c., also

TERMS:—Cash.
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Hongkong, June 27, 1918. 531

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PRIMITIVE BOOKKEEPING IN
MUNITIONS MINISTRY.

A PARADISE FOR CONTRACTORS.

There are some startling revelations of primitive bookkeeping in a report issued recently by the Auditor-General of the Ministry of Munitions expenditure. The report is for the year ended March 31, 1917, and deals with over \$522,000,000. It is acknowledged that as a result of previous representations great improvements had been effected in the accounts, particularly in the direction of increased accuracy and promptitude in recording current transactions, and further changes are still in progress.

How greatly they are needed is shown by numerous examples.

\$250,000 Advance Not Recorded.

In one case, although the ledger showed that \$250,000 had been for some months due to be refunded by the firm in respect of cash advanced under a contract since cancelled, no active steps had been taken to recover this sum. There had also been failure to keep a complete and accurate record of repayable cash advances made to the firm; for example, an advance of \$250,000 had not been charged in the contract ledger, while two other advances amounting to \$750,000 had been posted twice in the same ledger.

Nice Present to Contractor.

In March 1916 the Ministry decided to reduce the price payable for a certain type of shell from \$1 to \$2.50. The firm had offered, in February 1916, to accept \$1.50. A new tender form was sent out, but notwithstanding repeated reminders had apparently not been returned. The reduction in price was not noted in the contract ledger, and large quantities of shell continued to be sent in until February 1917, and paid for at the \$1 rate.

The records of another important contract presented the following unsatisfactory features:

A Loss of \$30,000.

The contract ledger recorded payments of \$1,400,000 only, although payments amounting to some \$1,700,000 had been made. Further, it was not shown that an abatement of over \$10,000 was due from the firm in respect of a departure from contract conditions and it could not be traced that this sum had been claimed. The greater part of the deliveries, valued at over \$4,000,000, was handed over to another firm under an assembling contract, but no charge was raised in the contract ledger against this firm, and there was no evidence that any steps had been taken to secure the due return of the goods supplied. A portion, valued at \$200,000, was treated as a loan under conditions which apparently provided that the loan should be cleared when the firm had substituted another type of shell to the value of \$270,000 only, involving a loss to the Ministry of \$30,000; the contract ledger contained no reference to this loan, and it could not be traced that it had been cleared.

Paid Twice.

The most frequent source of error was that payment was authorized on a duplicate invoice, the original having already been paid, but there are others equally disquieting, including one large double payment by the Ministry and by a local committee. Notwithstanding repeated warnings by the Comptroller over-payments continue to be made.

Recently it was observed that a contractor had been paid the sum of \$111,362 which he had previously received in the shape of payments on account, and notwithstanding that he notified the Department of this error, a further sum of \$21,450 was issued to him, which he had also previously been paid. At the time the contractor was then indebted to the Department for a very considerable sum in respect of material supplied.

Over-Advances of Millions.

Vast quantities of materials of immense value have been issued "free" to various contractors for assembling or manufacturing operations in many cases they have passed from contractor to contractor. No adequate record was kept, and no steps were taken to secure that materials were not issued in excess of contract requirements. As to the advances on deliveries the Ministry relied upon the statement of firms. A test examination by the Comptroller revealed several inaccuracies in one large account, and there is reason to believe that over-advances of some millions of pounds had been made.

At a Dead End.

In some cases it was not clear whether the advance was one on deliveries or as a banking loan. Dispute arose in connection with a sum of \$400,000; no interest was collected for 15 months, and

then the contractors declined to pay more than half what was claimed. Banking loans to this firm amounted to \$9,000,000. The earlier ones were subject to repayment by monthly instalments, but after \$2,107,000 had been recovered repayments ceased and are now in abeyance because the precise condition of affairs is not defined either in the books of the company or of the Ministry.

Excessive Profits.

Instances of excessive profits to contractors are numerous. By a contract placed in July 1915 the Ministry in addition to providing \$13,000 towards the cost of plant agreed to pay 38s. per 100 for filling gages. This price was to cover the first 100,000 delivered, after which the price was to be revised. I observed that up to December 1917 the contractor had apparently filled over 4,000,000 gages at the above price, whilst other contractors were being paid 14s. 3d., 14s., and 17s. 6d. per 100 for similar work.

Costly Experiments.

What the Comptroller describes as "costly experiments" accounted for a good many losses. A toilet factory, shut down because it produced toilet "at \$2 7s. 6d. a gallon against an original estimate of 6s. cost \$27,000. A contract with a chemical company, involving the erection of plant by the Ministry at a cost of \$26,000, proved to be based on a complete miscalculation. In February 1917, after a large sum had been expended on the scheme for the production of acetone, it was abandoned and its exact cost has not yet been ascertained.

Great Waste of Shells.

The Comptroller reveals an unsatisfactory state of affairs with regard to large stocks of warlike stores.

Owing to defects, directions were given for the breaking up of some 9,000,000 complete rounds of 15-pounder ammunition. It was apparently impossible to locate the fault in such a way as to justify a claim against the suppliers.

Rectification of doubtful shell appears to have been allowed to fall into serious disrepair. I am not aware how such shell came to be accepted, but large stocks are stated to be lying in various factories, foundries, and throughout the country, occupying valuable

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JOHN DE B. LANCASTER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, June 28, 1918. 559

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
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TO-MORROW (Saturday),
the 29th June, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Washstands, and Toilet Crockery, Seven
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And
A number of PLANTS in POTS.
On view from Thursday, the 27th,
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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
12 noon—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. meeting.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

Monday, July 1.
General Holiday.
Wednesday, July 3.
21.30 p.m.—Hongkong Steel Foundry Co. meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Linens, etc. at Hughes & Hughes.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc. at Hughes & Hughes.
Thursday, July 4.
American Independence Day.
Sunday, July 15.
Fourth National Day.

BIRTH.

PORG.—On June 19th in London, the wife of Lieut.-Commander R. K. C. PORG, R.N., of a son.

DEATH.

POTTS.—On 11th May at Depven, Colorado, U.S.A., WILLIAM HUTTON POTTS.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1918.

A CHASTENED SPIRIT IN GERMANY.

HERR VON KUHLMANN'S speech in the Reichstag shows a chastened spirit in Germany. It is a great disappointment that "the brilliant successes of German arms" have not brought the Allies to the frame of mind that makes possible the peace that Germany wants, and this has brought from the German Foreign Secretary the admission, which strikes Germany as sensational, that "an absolute end of the war is hardly to be expected by purely military decisions alone." These must be aided by "diplomatic negotiations." He complained that there had been nowhere "a clearly recognisable desire for peace" in authoritative quarters among Germany's enemies, whereas Germany had shown a willingness for peace in the famous Peace resolution of the Reichstag last July and in Germany's reply to the Papal Note. What are those professions worth when considered in the light of the "peace" Germany has imposed upon Russia? Last January when there was an exchange of views regarding war aims in public speeches by responsible Ministers in Germany, Austria, Great Britain and the United States, President Wilson gave the reply to Herr KUHLMANN's present lament when he said of the German Chancellor's reply to the statements of the war-aims of the Entente that "his discussion and acceptance of our general principles lead him to no practical conclusion." He refuses to apply them to the substantive items which must constitute the body of any final settlement. Count HERTING's statement was in fact so foreign to the Reichstag Peace resolution that President Wilson was constrained to ask whether the Chancellor had "utterly forgotten" it, or whether he was deliberately ignoring it. The Reichstag spoke of a general peace, while the German Chancellor spoke of national aggrandisement or of arrangements between State and State. Herr KUHLMANN's latest statement is more vague than the Chancellor's utterance last January. Germany desires he says "a free, strong independent existence within boundaries drawn for her by history; also overseas possessions commensurate with the greatness of her wealth and proved colonial capacity, as well as freedom of the seas." She had all this before she gambled for world dominion and lost all the overseas possessions, trade and freedom of the seas she enjoyed. That is the great fact which German

statesmen persistently endeavour to hide from the German people. Not one member of the Entente entered this war for territorial aggrandisement. Herr KUHLMANN may deny it he likes that Germany sought world dominion, but nothing in the history of the past half century is clearer than that the restless, vicious, arrogant military caste of Prussia had made up its mind to force their dictation and domination over Europe, and, and, through Europe, over the whole world. As Mr. Lloyd George has frequently pointed out in his speeches, we are dealing with the temper which has made this war possible, and until that temper is broken there will never be peace in the world. That is why an Allied victory is an essential condition of peace. When that is achieved there will doubtless soon be an approach to conditions in Germany which will make peace negotiations possible. We may in this connection recall the declaration made by the British Premier six months ago when he said that the democratisation of the German Government would be a better guarantee than anything else of the peace the Allies wish to see established. "No one wishes," said the Premier, "to dictate to the German people the form of Government they shall have. That is a matter entirely for themselves. But it is right that we should say that we could enter into negotiations with a free Government, with a different attitude of mind and temper, and spirit, with less suspicion, with more confidence, then we could with a Government whom we know to be dominated by the aggressive and arrogant spirit of Prussian Militarism." The events of the past six months in Russia and in Rumania have added force to this view. There is a paragraph in President Wilson's reply to Count HERTING which German statesmen must concentrate their minds upon when they talk of German readiness for peace. It is this: "We cannot have a general peace for the asking or by the mere arrangement of a peace conference. It cannot be pieced together out of individual understandings between powerful States. All the parties to this war must join in the settlement of every issue anywhere involved in it, because what we are seeking is a peace that we can all unite to guarantee and maintain, and every item of it must be submitted to the common judgment whether it be right and fair and an act of justice rather than a bargain between sovereigns." It is perfectly plain that nothing short of this can guarantee permanent peace, but hitherto the views of German statesmen have been utterly irreconcilable with these ideas. We regard the confession of Herr KUHLMANN that Germany cannot look to military decisions alone to end the war as a nail in the coffin of Prussian Militarism; and the other nails are likely to be driven as this true significance of this confession of defeat is gradually realized.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manila observatory this afternoon reports the typhoon N.E. of Manila, moving W.N.W. or N.W.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen arrived at Shanghai on the 26th inst. He was suffering from eye-trouble, and the right side of his face was swollen and bandaged.

Seven fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever were reported in the Colony yesterday. Three cases of plague (one fatal) and one fatal case of bubonic plague were also notified.

A list of private subscriptions raised in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States to March 31st, 1918, for purposes connected with the war shows a total of \$7,013,545.62.

An additional gift from Manila of one case of pipe tobacco, presented by Messrs. Meritamp & Co. has been received by the War Charities Committee for forwarding to London for distribution among the wounded in Hospitals.

THE MAGISTRACY.

ARMED ROBBERY OFF SHAUKWAN.

Before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning, four Chinese were charged with committing an armed robbery on a junk on the 2nd instant. It appeared that early on the morning of the 2nd inst., the complainant's boat which was lying at Tai Lung near Fung Bay, was boarded by fourteen men, including the defendants. These men were armed with revolvers and knives. They held up the complainant and his crew whom they forced into boats, took possession of the junk and its cargo and set sail in the direction of Chinese territory. The complainant made a report at the Police Station and said the cargo stolen was valued at \$312.50. The Police made inquiries but nothing further was heard of the matter. Yesterday the defendants came to Shaikwan in the stolen junk. They were recognised and arrested.

His Worship adjourned the case until next Friday afternoon at 2.15.

ALLEGED THEFT OF OPIUM.

Four Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe this morning, with stealing 170 taels of prepared opium valued at \$1,455.

Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the defendants.

His Worship adjourned the case until next week fixing bail at \$1,000.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

A Chinese pleaded guilty when charged before Mr. Wolfe this morning, with the larceny of \$100.

It happened that on March 28, last, a woman was convicted and fined \$100 with the alternative of two months' hard labour. Her friends got together and between them they managed to raise \$100 which sum they entrusted to the defendant to pay the fine at the Magistracy. The man took over the money and disappeared. The woman not being able to pay her fine had to undergo imprisonment. Whilst walking along Lower Lascar Road yesterday she saw the defendant and had him arrested. His Worship remarked that it would be only right that the defendant should undergo the same term of imprisonment which he caused the woman to undergo.

Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE EXPORTATION ORDINANCE.

The firm of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was summoned before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, for failing to furnish the Import and Export Office within 48 hours with a complete return of goods exported by the s.s. *Chinkas*, contrary to the Import and Export Ordinance.

Mr. Lewis, who appeared for the firm applied for a week's adjournment and suggested that the case should be withdrawn as it was a mere waste of time for business men to attend in Court.

Mr. Treman said that if that was the case then business men should not have contravened the ordinance. His Worship adjourned the case until July 6.

Mr. A. D. Galloway, representing the China Navigation Co., was summoned for exporting 75 cattie of camel's hair belting to Canton per *Fajshan* on the 20th inst. without first obtaining an export permit.

Mr. Lewis appeared for the defendant. This case also was adjourned until July 6.

A Chinese, the general manager of Messrs. E. Hing & Co., of Queen's Road Central was charged with exporting 75 cattie of camel's hair belting by the *Fajshan*, without first obtaining an export permit.

Mr. Lewis, who represented Mr. Galloway, said he thought the case should not be proceeded with as it might prove prejudicial to his client, and asked that all the cases be taken together.

His Worship agreed and the case was remanded until July 6.

SOMETHING DEFENDABLE.

It is always more or less prevalent during this weather, especially for the Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It is always to be depended upon. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

BATHING IN BOWEN ROAD.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with bathing in an unauthorized place in Bowen Road yesterday.

Inspector Grant asked for an adjournment, stating that he was desirous of holding an identification parade in connection with the attempted robbery of a European lady at Bowen Road recently. It was quite possible that the defendant was one of the miscreants who took part in the brutal attack on the lady.

His Worship however ordered the case to proceed.

Inspector Grant said he notified the defendant that it was not permissible to bathe in the stream, which is situated on the east side of the pumping station and runs into the filter beds. Bathing there would make the water filthy and unfit for consumption.

Defendant said he had just got into the water when Inspector Grant arrested him.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$5 or seven days' hard labour.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HUTTON POTTS.

Many old residents of the Colony will read with regret the announcement of the death of Mr. William Hutton Potts who was a resident of the Colony for over twenty years. He was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Linthead and Davies from 1904 to 1913, and was for many years the auditor of several local public companies. He was a well known member of the Community and was held in the highest respect. He left the Colony with his wife and family about five years ago and went to England but subsequently he proceeded to the United States and he passed away at Denver, Colorado, where his wife was born. Mr. Hutton Potts was about 70 years of age. He leaves a widow, four daughters and one son who will have the deep sympathy of many friends in the Colony.

SALE OF LAND.

The leasehold property described as the remaining portion of Section A of Island Lot No. 905 and the remaining portion of Island Lot No. 908 together with all buildings erected thereon was offered for sale by Public Auction at Mr. G. P. Lammer's auction rooms this afternoon. The term of the lease is 999 years, estimated area 20,000 and 30,000 square feet respectively and the proportions of annual crown rent \$265.29 and \$366.43 respectively. There was only one bidder—Mr. Fok To—who had the property knocked down to him for \$50,000.

THE WAR LOANS INVESTMENT TRUST OF MALAYA.

FULLY SUBSCRIBED.

We are informed by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received a wire from their Kuala Lumpur Office to the effect that the War Loans Investment Trust of Malaya is now fully subscribed.

SINGAPORE'S FIRST CONCRETE BOAT.

The first reinforced concrete boat built in the East will shortly be launched at Tanjong Pagar, where most concrete vessels will be constructed by the Singapore Free Press. This boat is built to answer the somewhat special conditions of a ferry boat. It will be used by the Federated Malay States Railways in the Johore Straits for conveying goods wagons across to Johore. At present this service is assured by steel ferry boats. The scarcity of steel, however, made it imperative to adopt some other material, wood was rejected, the preference being given to reinforced concrete.

The dimensions of the boat are length 125 ft. beam 27 ft. and moulded depth 8 ft. the gross displacement being 500 tons. It has the shape of the existing steel ferries and carries all the machinery necessary for the handling of the wagons, steering, etc. The construction has taken about five months, and proved very successful from the beginning. The boat will have to stand fairly heavy work and for this reason it has been designed on conservative lines. It is expected that concrete boats have come to Singapore to stay and earn as good a reputation as the steel ferries constructed in the past. Messrs. Broadbent, Moplin & Co., the designers and builders of this ferry boat, are also actively engaged in the construction of a large sea-going motor vessel of 2,500 tons dead weight.

A quantity of crude oil has been pulled the Manila Gas Corporation to stock powers to sink off the gas supply during the afternoon hours, from two to five, and if this interruption should not decrease the consumption of gas to the required extent, to close down an additional two hours in the forenoon, from eight to ten a.m.

WAR CHARITIES.

(SUBSCRIPTION LIST No. 14.)

General.

Miss Flora Fung, J. pro-
ceeds of sale of an oil
painting by herself of
the Race Course Dis-
aster 100.
Mr. R. B. L. Dowbiggin
(monthly sub.) 25
Hongkong Gymkhana Club
Rage 380.50
Mrs. Murray Scott
(monthly sub.) 50
Picture 15
Mr. E. J. Geddes 150
Messrs. Cowan, Paterson
and Co. (monthly sub.) 25
Mr. R. B. Cooper (month-
ly sub.) 10
His Honor Mr. H. H.
Gompertz (monthly sub.) 20
Mr. Edgar Davidson
(monthly sub.) 20
Mr. E. L. Agassiz (month-
ly sub.) 20
Mr. E. H. Sharp (monthly
sub.) 30
Mr. C. G. Webster
(monthly sub.) 20
Sail General Post Office
(monthly sub.) 35.25
Messrs. J. R. Michael &
Co. 900
Some members of the
Hongkong Club (month-
ly sub.) 7.39
Collection taken at Tai-
koo Rifle Club on
18/18 45
Pate's proceeds of the
George Day (\$20,000)
"Refrigerator" per
Hongkong Daily Press
Eiji Vally Mohamed Haji 10
Abba 2.25
Mr. E. B. Watson 2.50
Gaur Singh (monthly
sub.) 10
Mr. R. A. Curran (month-
ly sub.) 5
Mr. S. A. Bar 50
Mr. F. (monthly sub-
s.) 2.50
Mr. S. G. Newall (month-
ly sub.) 50
Mr. G. D. Wilkinson
(monthly sub.) 50
Mr. E. L. Bowley 500
E. E. R. 150
Mrs. H. G. Murray Scott
(monthly sub.) 20
L. N. L. (monthly sub.) 75
Kewdon British School
(monthly sub.) 11.40
Staff—Messrs. Lee, G.
ford & Co. (monthly sub.) 150
Mr. Vald Bjers (monthly
sub.) 10
Mr. Owen Cartensen
(monthly sub.) 10
Mr. T. Kring (monthly
sub.) 10
Mr. P. E. Worsce (monthly
sub.) 5
Mr. J. P. Elster (monthly
sub.) 5
Mr. B. C. Jones (monthly
sub.) 5
P. & Company (monthly
sub.) 100
C. B. R. (monthly sub.) 25
Mr. G. E. Vakeman
(monthly sub.) 25
Mr. E. Irving (monthly
sub.) 10
Chief Inspector Kerr
(monthly sub.) 5
Inspector Gordon (month-
ly sub.) 2
Sergeant Willis (monthly
sub.) 3
Ladies Working Party of
the Union Church (month-
ly subscription) 50
Britishers (monthly sub.) 100
Wong Siu Yoon (monthly
subscription) 10
Mr. D. W. Tratan (month-
ly subscription) 30
Mr. L. A. Langley (month-
ly subscription) 5
Mr. J. C. Wilson (monthly
subscription) 5
Mr. H. Skeet (monthly
sub.) 100
Mr. J. L. McPherson
(monthly subscription) 10
Collection from Box at
Peak Hotel, G. P. O.
Phoenix Club, Pak Tram
Station, Star Ferry Pier,
Blake Pier and Hong-
kong Hotel 22.25
Sir P. H. Meyer, G. C. B.
(monthly subscription) 150
Sir W. Rees Davies (month-
ly subscription) 20
Mr. C. Thorne (monthly
sub.) 50
Mr. G. M. Moss Smith
(monthly sub.) 10
Mr. E. G. Smith (monthly
sub.) 10
Mr. J. H. C. Goodwin
(monthly sub.) 10
Mr. E. H. Gompertz
(monthly sub.) 20
Mr. Edgar (monthly sub.) 20
Mr. E. L. Agassiz (month-
ly sub.) 20
Mr. E. H. Sharp (monthly
sub.) 20
Mr. C. G. Alastair (month-
ly sub.) 20
Some members of the
Hongkong Club (month-
ly sub.) 6.58
Hongkong Gymkhana Club 403.80
Hongkong Yacht Club 31.20
Lottery 350
N. N. Hoy, Bukit Berlang
Estate Hantian, F.M.S. 2.27
Messrs. "Cawston" Yallan-
tie & Co. (monthly sub.) 25
Self—Messrs. Butterfield
& Swire 180.50
Mr. R. B. Cooper (month-
ly sub.) 30
Hongkong Exchange 100
Mr. U. P. R. Hinch (month-
ly sub. Jan./Feb.) 10
Mr. S. Baker (monthly
sub. Jan./Feb.) 5
Anonymous Monthly Sub-
scriptions 2.25

Blindfold Soldiers and Sailors—Continued.

Messrs. Patall & Co.
(monthly sub.) 35
Anonymous Monthly Sub-
scriptions 100
Red Cross 100
Staff General Post Office
(monthly sub.) 38.25
Mrs. R. G. M. Dowbiggin
Mrs. H. G. M. Dowbiggin
(monthly sub. Jan. May) 25
Passenger A.S. "Tanco"
May" (per H.E. Gold-
smith) 10.45
Officers' Families Fund—
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin
(monthly sub.) 35
Standard Oil Co. of New
York 5,000
Hon. Mr. H. E. Follock
(monthly sub.) 10
E. J. L. O. (monthly sub.) 10
Hon. Mr. H. E. Follock
(monthly sub.) 50
Anonymous Monthly Sub-
scriptions 50
Prisoners of War Fund—
Albert Woodall Smith
(monthly sub. 5 months) 50
A. Pherman (monthly
sub.) 50
Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co.
Police per Sgt. Boulger
(monthly sub.) 25.50
Maidenhair Ferns 45
Mr. R. W. Looker 2,500
A. Pherman (monthly
sub.) 50
Albert Woodall Smith
(monthly sub.) 25
Barrington "Globe" Fund—
Proceeds of "Assault at
Arms" held at North
Point, 1908, under the
auspices of the H. E. L.
Police Reserve 408
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families
Association—
P. J. L. O. (monthly sub.) 10
Mr. A. Nisbet (month-
ly subscription) 25
Pips Fund—
Mr. T. G. Secke (monthly
subscription) 10
Already acknowledged 924,267.74
Amounts remitted &c. 1,016,997.05
Balance in hand 50,990.56
N. J. Stiles,
Hon. Treasurer.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

ST. STEPHEN'S, S. R.S.A.

St. Stephen's College beat R.S.A. by
66 games to 33. Scores—
Yew and Ng beat Horlop and Car-
ruthers 8-3; best Knight and White
7-4; best Green and Dunbar 10-1.
Taoi and Lin beat Horlop and Car-
ruthers 8-3; best Knight and White
7-4; best Green and Dunbar 8-3.
Britton and Yuen beat Horlop and
Carruthers 6-5; best Knight and White
9-5; best Green and Dunbar 8-5.
KOWLOON C.C. DOCKYARD C.C.
This match resulted in a win for the
Dockyard by 57 games to 42. Scores—
Souza and Davidson lost to Pile and
Black 3-8; lost to Parry and Crocker
4-7; best McCormack and Wright 6-5.
Brown and Tull lost to Pile and
Black 4-7; best Parry and Crocker 7-4;
best McCormack and Wright 9-2.
Mead and Elson lost to Pile and
Black 1-10; lost to Parry and Crocker
5-6; lost to McCormack and Wright 3-8.

GERMANS PROPOSE TO FORCE MARRIAGE.

The German commission appointed to examine the decline in the birth rate in Germany has reported a recommendation for compulsory marriage of Germans before their twentieth year is passed, according to a despatch to the *Daily Express* from Amsterdam. Financial assistance would be granted by the State, according to the law which provides penalties for those failing to comply. Provision also is made for the punishment of married couples who remain childless. A report compiled by the Local Government Board, based on information from German sources, shows a fall in the birth rate in Germany during the three years, 1915-17 inclusive, equivalent to the loss of 2,000,000 infants. Forty per cent fewer births occurred in 1916 than in 1913. These figures are compared with a decrease of ten per cent in the birth rate in England and Wales. The infant death rate in Germany has been kept well down, but nevertheless, the report shows it is fifty per cent higher than in England and Wales. This fact has led to a large extension of infant welfare work in Germany. The infant mortality rate in Germany in 1913 was 144 per thousand, as compared with 106 in England and Wales. The rate in 1914 for Prussia, Saxony and Bavaria were, respectively, 154, 172 and 193 per thousand. An abnormal increase in infant mortality during the first months of the war is shown by the fact that in Prussia in the third quarter of 1914, the rate rose from 125 to 145; in Saxony, from 140 to 242; and in Bavaria, from 170 to 230. The records in England and Wales do not show any abnormal mortality among infants during the early months of the war.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN BALM.

A touch of Chamberlain's Pain Balm drives away the pain at once and cures the complaint quickly. First application gives relief. When a little of it is kept in the house the pain of burns and scalds may be promptly relieved, and swells and bruises quickly healed and swellings promptly reduced. In fact for the household this is just such an emulsion as every family should be provided with. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

